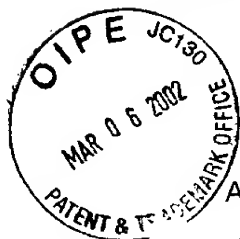


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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

- ☒ Request for Continued Examination Under 37 CFR §1.114
- ☒ Amendment and Response
- ☒ Petition for Extension of Time (in duplicate.);
- ☒ Check # 11991 for \$460.00 and #11992 for \$370.00
- ☒ Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

Applicant: Sean Farmer
U.S.S.N.: 09/647,695

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 19374-504 NATL). A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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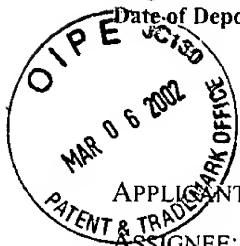
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BOX RCE

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Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114

This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Enclosed herein are the following:

- ☒ Amendment and Response (8 pgs.);
- ☒ Petition for Three Month Extension of Time (in duplicate);
- ☒ Two checks: check # 11991 for \$460.00 (Extension); check # 11992 for \$370.00 (RCE)
- and
- ☒ Return Postcard.

Pursuant to 35 USC §1.114, applicant herein requests continued examination of Application No. 09/369,016. Included with this request are the required elements of 1) a request (this document); 2) a submission; and 3) a fee. The submission provided herein is a amendment and response. Such a submission is a proper submission in accordance with 37 CFR §1.114 (c). With such a timely filed request, submission, and fee, applicant believes that the amendment should be entered and the finality of the Action should be withdrawn.

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